

**Safer and Stronger Communities
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Draft Safe Durham Partnership
Plan 2015/18**

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Safe Durham Partnership

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Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2015/18 for comment (attached as Appendix 2).

Background

2. The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 require that Durham County Council, along with the other responsible authorities (Durham Constabulary, NHS Commissioning Groups, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, National Probation Service and Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company), develop and implement a Partnership Plan.
3. The regulations also require that an annual Strategic Assessment is completed which informs the development of the new Plan every three years and its annual refresh. The Strategic Assessment is an intelligence document which includes an analysis of crime and disorder levels, recommended strategic priorities, results of public consultation and an assessment of the extent to which the Partnership Plan for the previous year has been implemented.
4. The purpose of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan is to demonstrate how the responsible authorities will work together to reduce crime and disorder across County Durham.
5. The Safe Durham Partnership Plan has informed the development of the refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-30 and is aligned to the "Altogether Safer" section of the Strategy.

Current Position

6. The 2014 Strategic Assessment recommended no change to the existing strategic objectives, which remain aligned to the objectives within the Sustainable Community Strategy. Each objective is managed by a multi-agency thematic group.

7. The refresh of the Partnership Plan 2015/18 describes the progress and achievements of the Safe Durham Partnership over the lifetime of the 2011/14 Partnership Plan and updates on progress in 2014/15. It describes how it will deliver sustainable improvements by working in partnership. The Plan describes why each objective has been prioritised, the key challenges to meeting each objective, an understanding of how the objectives will be delivered and how we will know if we have been successful.
8. The strategic objectives for the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2015-18 are shown below:
 - Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Protecting Vulnerable People from Harm
 - Reducing Re-Offending
 - Alcohol and substance misuse harm reduction
 - Embed the Think Family approach
 - Counter Terrorism and Prevention of Violent Extremism
 - Road Casualty Reduction
9. The strategic objectives were reaffirmed by the Safe Durham Partnership Board in September 2014. A consultation process with partners, Area Action Partnerships and this Overview and Scrutiny Committee has taken place between November 2014 and January 2015.
10. There are a number of objectives which are shared with other partnerships, e.g. Protecting Vulnerable People from Harm is shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board and Embed Think Family is shared with the Children and Families Partnership.
11. Initial feedback from IPG, Overview and Scrutiny and the AAPs shows that they support the strategic priorities within the Plan as representative of local issues and concerns. Some of the priorities were seen as particularly important:
 - Perceptions of crime and disorder.
 - Road safety.
 - Alcohol misuse and the potential positive impact that Minimum Unit Pricing would have.
 - Early intervention with young people and families.
 - Domestic abuse but that the Plan needs strengthening on the links to sexual violence.
 - Hate crime but that the Plan needs strengthening on how it is being prevented.
12. In addition, Overview and Scrutiny felt that substance misuse in respect of the increased use of 'legal highs' and the negative impact upon people and communities should be included in the Plan and this has now been included and fed back to the Chair of the Drugs Strategy Group.

Refresh of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan (SDPP)

13. The refresh of the SDPP 2015-18 includes updates on policy drivers, consultation feedback and evidence from the Strategic Assessment.
14. The SDP's vision is for a county "where every adult and child will be, and will feel, safe". Working in partnership is essential to achieving our vision.

Next Steps

15. Overview and Scrutiny is requested to note the following key dates for the development of the refresh of the SDPP 2015-18:
 - Safe Durham Partnership Board will receive a copy of the SDPP 2015-18 on 24th March 2015 to sign off.
 - Durham County Council Cabinet will receive a copy of the SDPP 2015-16 on 10th June 2015.
 - Full Council will receive a copy of the SDPP 2015-16 on 22nd July 2015.

Recommendations and reasons

16. Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

Note the content of the report and provide feedback on the draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2015/18 to the Community Safety Manager by 2nd March 2015.

Background papers

None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

Delivery/Action Plans will be developed to support the delivery of the Partnership Plan. The Police and Crime Commissioner has allocated funding to support the delivery of those action plans.

Staffing

The Plan will be implemented using existing resources. Durham County Council will contribute to the delivery of the plan in partnership with other responsible authorities.

Risk

No adverse implications.

Equality and Diversity/ Public Sector Equality Duty

An impact assessment in relation to Equality and Diversity implications will be undertaken as part of the development of the Partnership Plan.

Accommodation

No adverse implications.

Crime and disorder

The Partnership Plan outlines the Safe Durham Partnership priorities for tackling crime and disorder in County Durham.

Human rights

No adverse implications.

Consultation

Statutory consultation with the community and stakeholders has been undertaken as part of the Strategic Assessment process.

Procurement

No adverse implications.

Disability Issues

No direct adverse implications. An impact assessment will be undertaken on the Safe Durham Partnership Plan.

Legal Implications

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